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Dear Timmie.

Many thanks for your kind letters on the occasion of my forthcoming retirement (30 June) and I greatly appreciate your expression of friendship that has covered a quarter of a century.

On May 2 I completed 35 years service in the Army and coincidentally four years as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. I had already been extended once beyond the normal retirement date and since all the investigations had been completed and I was untouched by any of them I decided that I would move on. I do not expect to be silent on the vital issues and still have no firm plans as to what I will do inside or outside of government. Rest assured I will keep in touch with you.

Again many thanks and with every good wish to you and yours

Faithfully
Dick Walter

Mr. James Minotto



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